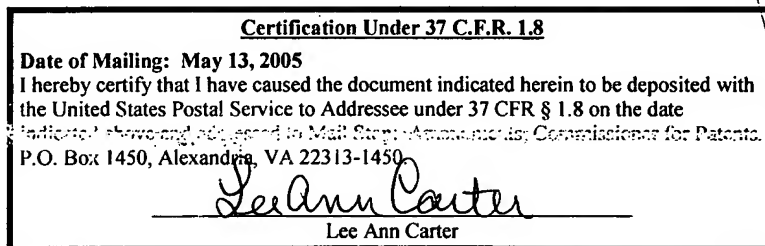


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Inventor Application of: William Shaw  
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2005. In the Action, the Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to two (2) patentably distinct inventions. Group I, Claims 1-8 and 17-21, drawn to a water control system, classified in class 4, subclass 366; and Group II, Claims 9-16, drawn to a water control method, classified in class 4, subclass 661. By the Action, Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-8 and 17-21. Applicant reserves the right to file Divisional applications on the non-elected invention.

Applicant respectfully submits that such election is provisional, since applicant maintains that all claims are directed to a single distinct invention claiming the system and the method of using the system. Therefore, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's assertion that the application contains claims directed to two (2) patentably distinct inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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